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FOR S/CT AMBASSADOR WILCOX AND
DS/DSS/ATA MEL HARRISON FROM AMBASSADOR CHEEK

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TAGS: ASEC, PTER
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY COURSE
DEVELOPMENT

REF: RSO/ATA TELCON

1. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE JULY 18TH BOMBING OF
AMIA (THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN BUENOS
AIRES), SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND UNDER-SECRETARY
TARNOFF HAVE MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF USG
SUPPORT OF ARGENTINA'S EFFORTS TO COUNTER
TERRORISM, BY MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO FIND
THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND BY PROVIDING U.S.
ASSISTANCE AIMED AT PREVENTING REPEAT OCCURRENCES.

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2. THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA HAS BEEN SEEKING
WAYS TO PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION TO POTENTIAL
TERRORIST TARGETS. IN THAT REGARD I HAVE RECEIVED
NUMEROUS DELEGATIONS FROM JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS
(BOTH ARGENTINE AND AMERICAN) INTERESTED IN WAYS
TO BETTER PROTECT SYNAGOGUES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER
JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS HERE IN ARGENTINA. I BELIEVE
THAT THE BEST WAY WE CAN HELP WOULD BE TO OFFER A
COURSE IN PHYSICAL SECURITY AT THE EARLIEST

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POSSIBLE TIME TO THE GOA.

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3. MY RSO HAS ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DS'S ATA OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. THEY HAVE INFORMED HIM THAT WHILE NO COURSE EXISTS, AT THE MOMENT, ONE IS BEING CONSIDERED. I WOULD URGE THAT THIS PROJECT BE GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY SO THAT WE MAY OFFER THIS COURSE TO THE GOA IN A TIMELY MANNER.

4. I BELIEVE THAT THIS COURSE WOULD BE A POSITIVE SIGN OF OUR COMMITMENT TO HELPING OUR ALLIES COMBAT TERRORISM.

5. THE RSO IN BUENOS AIRES IS AVAILABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOA AND TO SUGGEST THE MOST PRODUCTIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE COURSE.

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